# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## Saturday, 9th February 1924.

The House met at 11 o'clock; the hon. the President (Diwan Bahadur L. D. Swamikannu Pillai Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the Chair.

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions and answers shall be arranged in order of subjects.

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

*The Text-Book Committee.*

433 *Q.*—Mr. Abbas Ali Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the constitution of the Text-Book Committee was recently altered so as to vest the nominations with the Minister for Education;

(*b*) whether any members were appointed to the Committee by the Minister, and, if so, how many of them are Brahmans, non-Brahmans, Mussalmans, Indian Christians and Adi-Dravidas; and

(*c*) how many of these are from Telugu districts and more especially from the district of Ganjām?

*A.*—(*a*) Under the old rules the power to appoint members of the Text-Book Committee vested in the Government; it was delegated to the Director of Public Instruction in 1908. Under G.O. No. 546, Law (Education), dated 11th April 1923, published on page 391 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 24th April 1923, the nomination of members to the Committee will hereafter be made by the Director subject to the approval of Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) The answer to the first part of clause (*b*) is in the negative.

### Co-operative Credit Societies.

*Co-operative Credit Societies for depressed classes in Malabar.*

434 *Q.*—Mr. R. Veerian: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Co-operative Credit Societies for the depressed classes in the Malabar district; and